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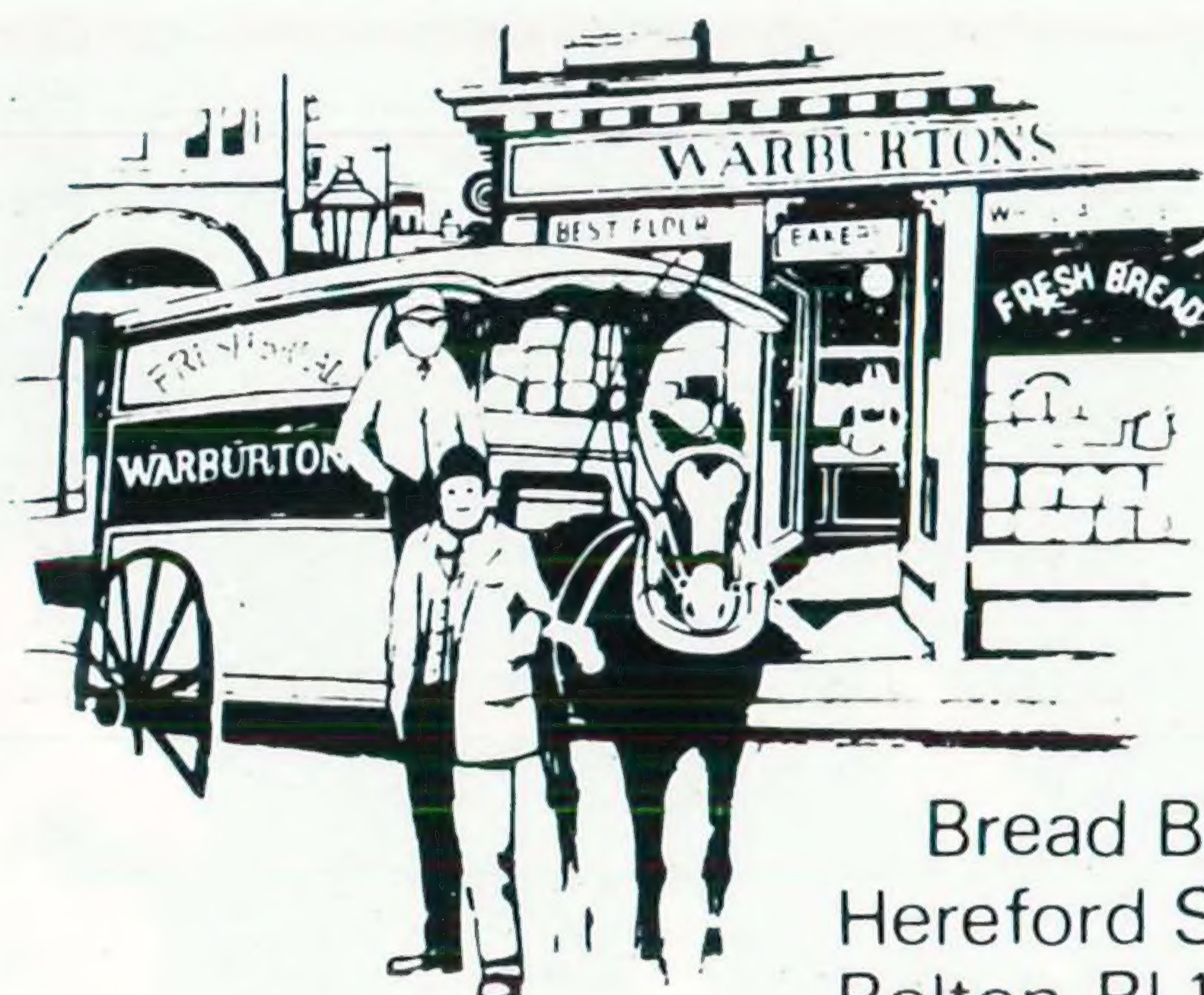
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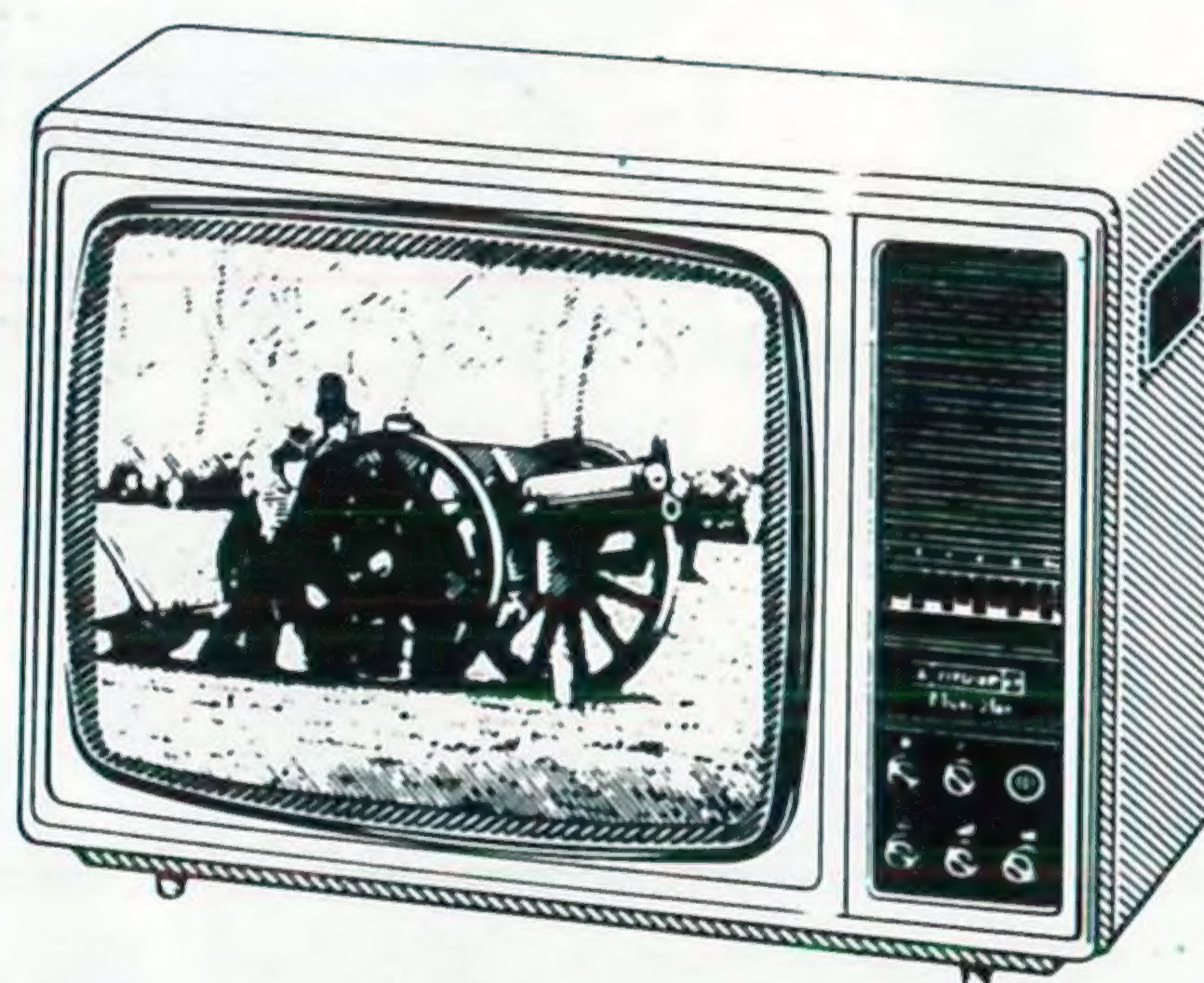
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# Stan Anderson writes

Today's opponents, Derby County were relegated along with ourselves and Bristol City last season but they have shown already that they are in with a great chance of going back to Division One at the first time of asking.

Colin Addison has gone through a process of team rebuilding at the Baseball Ground and apart from Roy McFarland and Steve Powell has changed his whole team.

Derby have managed to bring a number of their own youngsters through and have also bought a few players for key positions. The blend seems to be paying off.

Apart from a few slips at the beginning of the season, they've done very well in the League.

I thought they were very unlucky to be relegated last season. I saw them a couple of times late on and thought if they had been playing as well as they were then throughout the season they would have been well away from the relegation zone.

From a personal point of view, Colin can consider himself very unlucky to take over the running of the club and then suffer relegation in his first year, but I'm sure he is happy with the way things are going at the moment.

Unfortunately our position is quite different.

We can't go on worrying about injuries any more. We've got to get results with the players we've got.

Last Saturday's result at Grimsby, plus the results of other clubs, put us in a position where we must start worrying about getting points. Our next three matches will be critical.

The way things are going — all clubs on 24 points or less have got to consider themselves in trouble — it looks as though a club with 34, 35 or 36 points could end up being relegated.

At this stage of the season you would normally consider yourself safe if you had more than 20 points, but that isn't the case this season.

Our problem has been that we have thrown about six valuable points away in home games.

But they are gone now and there's nothing we can do about it. It just leaves us looking over our shoulders at the clubs below us for the next few weeks.



# Our Visits



**BACK ROW:** Colin Addison (Manager), Richie Norman (Reserve Team Coach), Barry Powell, Steve Buckley, Roger Jones, Steve Cherry, Aidan McAffery, Steve Emery, John Newman (Assistant Manager), Gordon Guthrie (Physio)

**MIDDLE ROW:** Paul Emson, Steve Powell, Roy McFarland, Keith Osgood, Dave Swindlehurst, Alan Biley.

**FRONT ROW:** Jonathon Clark, Steve Carter, Kevin Wilson, Gerry Daly (now Coventry).

## DERBY AIM FOR QUICK RETURN

By Tony Pullein

Derby are now within reach of their ambition to make a quick return to the First Division. An early exit from the F.A. Cup has left them free to concentrate all their efforts into their promotion drive.

If Derby do get back into the First Division this year, then their relegation at the end of last season will be seen as something of a blessing in disguise. Optimists within the club had hoped that the drop down a division might mark the turning of the fortunes for them.

The previous few seasons had been fraught with problems and it was felt that a period away from the perpetual threat of relegation would give the Rams' new-look team a chance to find its feet.

Derby's team had undergone multifarious changes over the three years or so preceding relegation and the only players to have come through the ravages of those years unscarred are Steve Powell and Roy McFarland, two fine club men who became the cornerstone of the Rams' new team.

McFarland has now been joined in the middle of the defence by Alan Ramage, a £150,000 close-season buy from Middlesbrough. The summer departure of right-back David Langan gave the former Hereford utility player Steve Emery the chance to find a settled place.

Young Wayne Richards has been establishing himself in the other full-back position to the exclusion of Steve Buckley and another well-known defender who has been unable to hold a regular place is centre-back Keith Osgood.

Roger Jones, signed from Stoke in the summer, has taken over in goal from David McKellar.

The early-season sale of Republic of Ireland's Gerry Daly to Coventry City left, basically, four players challenging for the midfield positions — Steve Powell, Barry Powell, Jon Clark and Paul Emson.

The surprise, but welcome return, of former England striker Kevin Hector has added a new dimension to the Rams' attack for, though he hasn't scored many goals himself, his presence had created opportunities for his fellow forwards

# The Rams



Alan Biley and David Swindlehurst whose goals output has improved since Hector's return.

Derby have an excellent away record, having won at Luton (2-1), Grimsby (1-0), Chelsea (3-1), Preston (3-0) and Newcastle (2-0) and drawn at Watford (1-1), Bristol City (2-2), Notts County (0-0) and Bristol Rovers (1-1).

The Rams were defeated at Cambridge (0-3), Orient (0-1), Swansea (1-3), and West Ham (1-3).

They took early exits from both Cups, going out at the first stage of both. In the League Cup they drew 0-0 on aggregate with Queen's Park Rangers and then lost 3-5 on penalty deciders.

In the F.A. Cup they were held 0-0 at home by Bristol City before losing the replay 0-2 at Ashton Gate.

Derby fans have had precious little success to savour, either in the League or Cups, since the Rams won their second League Championship in 1975 to qualify for the European Cup. Last season, too, they disappeared at the first stage of both knockout competitions and they looked relegation material from an early stage of the season.

Like all of the old-established League clubs, of course, Derby have suffered long voids without success in the past. The club was founded in 1884 and was one of the founder members of the Football League in 1888.

Up until the second world war they moved quite regularly between the top two divisions but it wasn't until 1946 that they won the F.A. Cup for what is still the only time in their history. They had been beaten in previous finals in 1898, 1899 and 1903.

With such players as Raich Carter and Peter Doherty, Derby enjoyed a few eventful years immediately after the last war but, by 1953, their great decline had begun. Two years later the Rams fell into the Third Division (North) for the first time.

It took them two years to work their way out of that division and they then spent a dozen more years building for their return to the First Division in 1969. Three years later they won the League Championship for the first time. They repeated that success three years later again.

The club's aim now — apart from gaining promotion — is to find some stability after the years of turmoil. The board took a bold step in this direction when they gave manager Colin Addison their complete backing, in spite of last year's relegation.

Derby now have a settled team that is knitting together well and which is determined to finish in one of the top three positions.

**ROGER JONES (Goalkeeper).** Roger joined Derby from Stoke for £20,000 during the last close-season. A one-time Portsmouth junior, Roger moved on to Bournemouth and won an England under-23 cap whilst with the Cherries. Blackburn signed him for £30,000 in 1970. He was transferred to Newcastle in 1976 and to Stoke a year later.

**STEVE EMERY (Defender).** Steve became the first apprentice signed by Hereford United after they had gained admission to the Football League. He went on to make more than 200 League appearances for the Edgar Street club before being signed by Derby for £100,000 last season.

**ROY McFARLAND (Defender).** Roy played for England on 28 occasions and it was injuries that ended his international career. He began with Tranmere Rovers but joined Derby for

£25,000 in 1967. He now looks back on 450 first-team games for the Rams.

**ALAN RAMAGE (Defender).** Alan is a dual sportsman, having been a fast bowler with Yorkshire C.C.C. He began his League career with Middlesbrough in 1976 and he was transferred to Derby for £150,000 last summer.

**WAYNE RICHARDS (Defender).** Wayne was given his first run in the Rams' League eleven in their final First Division game at Norwich last season. He came on as substitute that day but in recent weeks he has been holding down the left-back position.

**KEITH OSGOOD (Defender).** Keith is a former England youth international who turned professional with Tottenham in June 1972. After being an ever-present member of the Spurs' defence for two seasons, he was transferred to Coventry for £125,000 at the beginning of the 1977/78 campaign. Derby signed him for £150,000 last season.

**STEVE BUCKLEY (Defender).** Steve grew up with Luton Town and made his League bow for the Hatters in 1974. He won an immediate first-team spot and went on to make 123 League appearances before moving on to Derby for £150,000 in 1978.

**STEVE POWELL (Midfield/Defender).** Steve joined Derby as a schoolboy and served his apprenticeship with the club. He made his first appearance in their League eleven in 1972 and has been a fixture in the side ever since. Steve is a former England under-23 international.

**BARRY POWELL (Midfield).** Barry is another former England under-23 cap who kicked off his professional career with Wolves. He made 64 League appearances prior to his move to Coventry in 1975. He signed for Derby last season.

**JON CLARK (Midfield).** Jon developed in the Manchester United juniors but was given only one chance in their First Division side in 1976/77. Being anxious for first-team football, he joined Derby two seasons ago and is now a permanent member of their senior side.

**PAUL EMSON (Midfield).** Paul joined Derby from non-League Brigg Town for £5,000 and was given a few outings in their First Division side two seasons ago. He began to play regularly in the side last season.

**ALAN BILEY (Forward).** Alan joined Derby from Cambridge for £450,000 last season and hit nine goals for the Rams. He is currently the club's leading scorer. Once a Luton reserve, he joined Cambridge and made his League bow in 1975/76. For the following three seasons he was their leading scorer.

**DAVID SWINDLEHURST (Forward).** David signed for Derby from Crystal Palace for £400,000 towards the end of last season after a successful loan spell. An England under-21 international, David was Palace's top scorer in four of his five seasons in the first-team.

**KEVIN HECTOR (Forward).** Kevin has made a romantic return to the Derby side this season after believing his League days were over. This is his second spell with the club. He first joined them in 1966 after leading Bradford P.A.'s scoring list for four successive seasons. He was on four occasions the Rams' leading scorer and he won two England caps before leaving the Baseball Ground in 1977 to sign for Vancouver Whitecaps. He re-joined the Rams this season.

**KEVIN WILSON (Forward).** Kevin joined Derby from Banbury United in December 1979 and was given his first run in their League eleven during the closing weeks of last season.

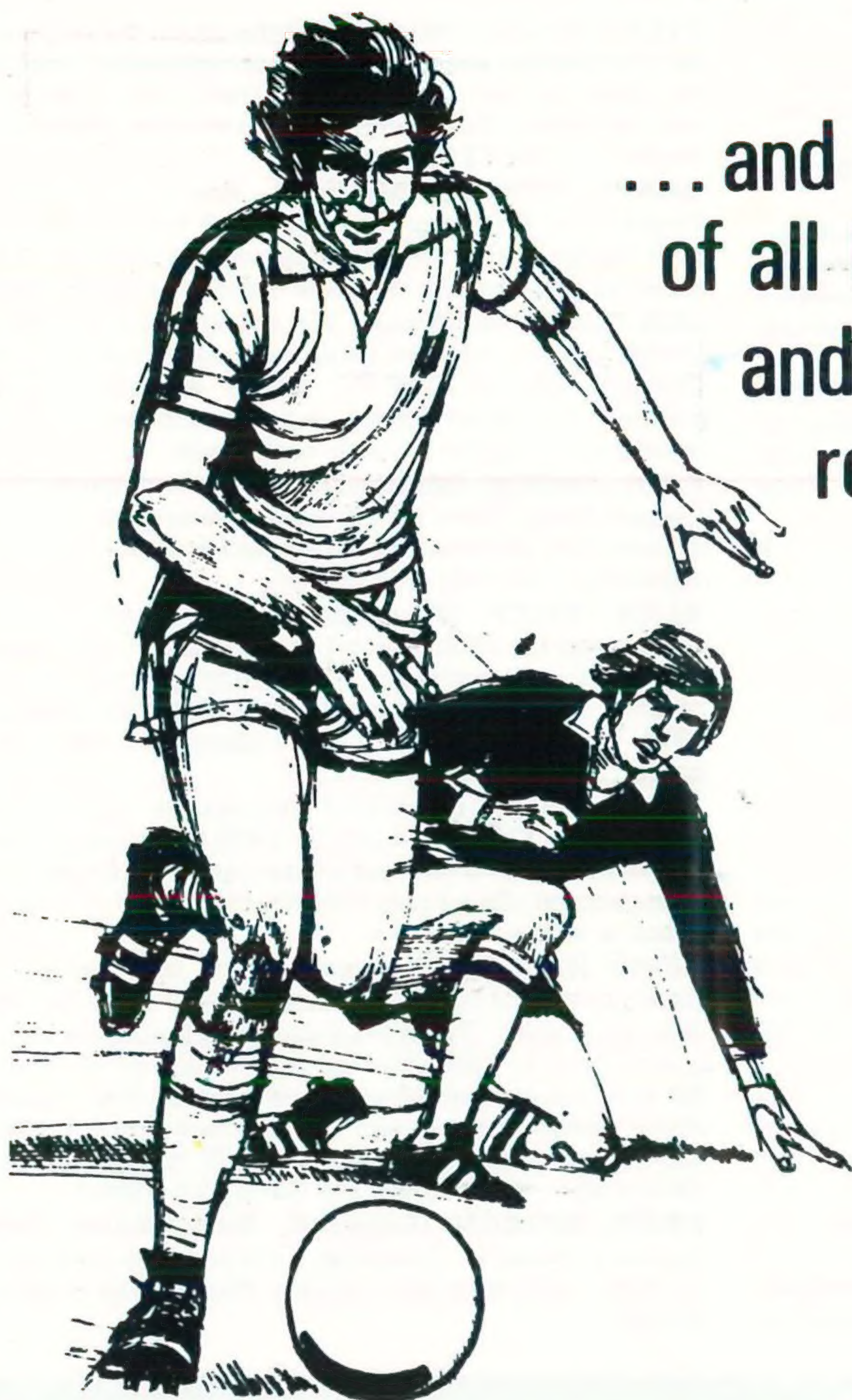


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# Club Scene

## FIVE-A-SIDE AT ST HELENS

Our young apprentices face competition from Everton, Wigan Athletic and Tranmere Rovers in a five-a-side competition at Sutton High Sports Centre, St Helens next Thursday.

The tournament is all to do with a Football Spectacular being staged at the Centre by the English Schools FA who are sponsored by Asda Superstores and Lucozade.

Apprentices and youth team players will contest the competition between the four League clubs and also give training displays. There will also be five-a-side competitions and displays of skills by schoolboys and a penalty competition.

The events begin at 6.45 with the apprentices' coaching demonstration scheduled to start at 8.25pm.

Tickets at 50 pence each are available through the English Schools FA or from Sutton High Centre.

In support of the spectacular, a special 8-page souvenir newspaper has been produced by the sponsors and will be available on the night free of charge.

It features a team group picture of the Wanderers and a focus on Len Cantello, one of the current League stars who graduated after playing six times for England Schoolboys in 1967.

## WALKING INTO DANGER

Wanderers are making quite a habit of walking into dangerous situations.

Last Saturday it was a bomb scare at the Grimsby Crest Hotel where the team was due to have its pre-match meal before the game at Blundell Park.

And casting one's memory back a year, almost to the day, Wanderers were involved in a dawn fire drama at their hotel at Sunderland before their 3rd round FA Cup tie.

Unlike the Sunderland fire, the Grimsby bomb did not turn out to be a lucky omen. Wanderers won 1-0 at Roker Park while last week's result is best left forgotten.

## NEW JOB FOR ALAN

Alan Gowling, striker, turned midfielder man, turned defender and the recently-appointed PFA chairman has found himself another new job.

He is currently doing two afternoons a week helping Alf Davies and his staff in our commercial department.

It's an ideal opportunity for Alan, who would like to stay in football when he retires from playing, to see if he is cut out for the high-powered commercial side of the game.

Said Alan: "I'm not getting any younger, so I've got to look to when I retire from playing. I would like to become a chief executive in football, but you've got to start at the bottom and learn the ropes first."



## JUNIOR WHITES NEWS

The first of our monthly evenings was held last Monday, and a big thanks to all those members who came along, and the players and staff who made it possible. Talking of the staff, our resident D.J.'s here at Burnden, Alan and Kevan are always pleased to get your record requests, so why not get them to play your favourite hits of the moment. Today's mascot is Jonathan Morris from Adlington. If you want the chance to lead the team out why not join us at the "Junior Whites", membership's are still being taken. Our next evening is February 16th at 6.30 when 2 or 3 top referees will be coming along with a couple of the players.

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# WHEN THE KISSING HAS TO STOP

It is questionable how far the conduct of players is a major cause for crowd disturbance, but players must play their part in several ways: field misconduct should be punished more severely; kissing, hugging and jumping on backs when a goal has been scored should cease; racing to the touch-line with outstretched arms and clenched fists after a goal should be stopped; 'professional fouls' must be more firmly penalised.

So says the Chairman of the FA Sir Harold Thompson, writing in the Associations official publication 'FA Today'.

No one will argue with Sir Harold's views on stricter punishment for 'professional fouls', but is he really serious about banning players celebrating the scoring of goals?

The answer is yes, but wait a minute haven't we heard it all before. Of course, it was January 1976 when Ted Croker, the FA Secretary came out with, "the kissing has to stop", and a threat that the FA intended to implement this by legislation.

## PRIORITIES

Could it be true that while our national sport fights for its very existence against the clawing grasp of inflation and the apathy of a disillusioned and shrinking public, that our legislators are more concerned about players hugging each other.

It is renderings like this from the FA dream machine that give rise to the common feeling nurtured by the footballing public, that the game is overlorded by a bunch of stiff-lipped old-fashioned bureaucrats, who sit in judgement, yet have no real feeling for the game.

Of course this is not true, Sir Harold is just genuinely trying to grasp the nettle and stamp out soccer hooliganism on the terraces. Yet it is doubtful whether stopping players demonstrating their joy would have any profound effect on the trouble makers, and in fact could do harm by alienating the already strained public relationship with the fans.

## SHOWBIZ

In any case it is difficult to see how a rule could be enforced anyway. Soccer is a game of passion, excitement and human conflict. The actors are highly trained athletes, drilled all week to



achieve one thing. Putting the ball into the back of the net. It isn't easy to achieve because there are eleven other guys out there trying to stop them, so when it does happen and the crowd erupts in triumphant acknowledgement, how can one blame them for letting out those pent-up emotions.

Football played at League level is all part of showbusiness, the fans are an important ingredient and they like to see their idols joining in their own celebrations. The antics on the field display a

common feeling, enhance the players rapport with their public. Take this away and much of the charisma the game holds, would evaporate for ever, the magic of the big match would be gone and football as a spectator sport would die.

This is definitely one action that the FA should drop immediately before they become a laughing stock. As one First Division manager said tongue in cheek: "I am sure our fans would like to see us score so many goals that we could stage a love-in".







# It's been hard all the way

GARRY BIRTLES' so far short flirtation with League football has presented him with as many problems as a lifetimes marriage.

Just over two years ago this personable young man was doing his own thing with Long Eaton United, and as that meant scoring goals as a regular habit, he attracted the attentions of Nottingham Forest.

Within months of signing for Brian Clough, Garry was stepping out for his League debut game against Arsenal, in September 1978, and so kicked off a remarkable career that has taken him into the England squad and culminated this season with his transfer to Manchester United, for a staggering £1.25 million.

With such relatively little experience of League soccer, he must have found it difficult to bridge the gap between League football and the international game, especially as he was virtually thrown to the lions when Ron Greenwood gave him his first full cap in the cauldron of Turin, against Italy. In last summers' European Championships.

"It was hard," confirms Birtles, "mind you it has been difficult all along really," he adds

thoughtfully. "As everyone knows, I came into football at a late age and moved from the Midland League to First Division football in a matter of months, and that was hard enough in its self.

"Then going from the League into international football is yet another step up and it is that much harder, so I am just finding my way at the moment.

"I have not really given myself much chance. My first sniff of international football was at Wembley where I had ten minutes as a substitute against Argentina and did not have a chance to do anything at all. Then the Italian game in Turin was a big let down because I was in bad shape physically at the end of a hard season and I was unable to do myself justice.

"And when we played in Rumania earlier this season, I was in the middle of transfer negotiations, and being so unsettled at Forest did not help my game at all.

"At the moment I just hope that I get another chance when I am fully fit and in the proper state of mind to show my true ability."

The parting of the ways with Forest was the result of a confrontation last summer

between Birtles and Brian Clough over time off, which left Garry totally disenchanted with the Forest set-up. The fact that Dave Sexton became interested in acquiring his services came as a big surprise and the thrill of moving to Old Trafford was overwhelming.

In that first season at Nottingham, Garry finished as the leading scorer with a total of 20 goals in the domestic competitions, that was seven goals more than Tony Woodcock had netted.

Another 14 goals last season maintained his reputation as one of the League's most consistent marksmen and when he left the City Ground in November, he once more topped the Nottingham goal chart.

Garry confides that the astronomical fee Manchester United paid out for his transfer, does not worry him. The one nagging encumbrance on his move north was his sudden loss of goalscoring form.

"I picked up an ankle injury in Rumania and the ankle kept swelling up," he explains. "I just could not play to my full capacity, while at the same time I did not want to miss games."

The result was a run of matches without a goal and of

course the inevitable cynics spread their doubts about Sexton's wisdom in making the signing.

## BACK TO BASICS

Garry had to resist the temptation to keep trying harder, not an easy brief at Old Trafford where it is so easy to become carried away by the euphoric atmosphere.

"I was willing myself to score and the fans were willing me to score as well," he says. "It was just a case of releasing the tension, it only needed one goal. I was determined not to lose my head, it was a case of just knuckling down and thinking of the basics. Control, lay-off and passing instead of trying to get to goal in one, look for the one two's.

"The style at United is much different. At Forest they play a much more patient game. United seem to play at a very fast pace all the time, there is no let up, they pressure people continually. Whereas Forest tend to sit back and keep the ball and wait for the openings.

"But once I get used to United's game and get into the flow of the play I think I will be alright."





# England's i by the syste

ENGLAND'S international football programme closed down following the World Cup victory over Switzerland in November, leaving Ron Greenwood with nearly four barren months in which to contemplate on its future, until active participation is resumed against Spain in March.

Of course the England team manager will not remain idle. He will be fully occupied running the rule over his squad players League form, while at the same time searching for potential talent to take England to the top. But I suspect that even England's knowledgeable boss is quietly disappointed that his side did not finish on a higher note.

With the failings of Italy still fresh in the mind, success in the World Cup has become even more imperative for the man who lifted England from the depths of the Revie depression, to the heights his team achieved against Argentina last May.

"International football splutters and starts sometimes," says Greenwood, "we were getting it together last spring and then we lost it all and it has been a fight since then."

That is very true. Defeat in Rumania and the slenderest of victories over unfancied Switzerland at Wembley, in vital World Cup qualifying matches, provoked much critical comment from the media as well as the fans who gave Greenwood and his team the bird as they left the field . . . the first time this has happened since he took control.



*Paul Mariner scores a brilliant individual goal against Norway.*

The 2-1 scoreline against Switzerland could easily have been more embarrassing. In the second-half the Swiss created two better chances than the one from which Hans Jorg Pfister had blasted them back into contention in the 77th minute, as England's midfield completely evaporated.

Talking to Tottenham Hotspur's talented young striker Garth Crooks before the match, he had intimated that the most important thing for England that night was their overall performance, they had to put on a footballing spectacular.

## WHAT RIGHT!

In truth the team did bubble for the opening half-hour with Trevor Brooking, Terry McDermott, Steve Coppell and Mick Mills riddling the Swiss ranks with well angled balls. Yet for all their domination and possession, England mustered just five shots on target during that first 45 minutes, despite making 18 good plays into the Swiss penalty area.

Not surprisingly Greenwood said, "I was delighted with the first-half, they were brilliant, everything came to fruition and we had chances that could have brought us three or four goals".

That point was taken up with the Swiss manager Leon Walker by one journalist, who asked him if he agreed England should have had four or five goals by half-time.

"Perhaps," was the short reply followed by silence. Walker then continued. "Do you think that every chance England have should be a goal and every chance we have should not?"

That perceptive remark certainly put things into perspective, although it could not dismiss those inner feelings that our national team should do better against the likes of Norway, Rumania and Switzerland.

But then Ron Greenwood challenges: "What right have we to go around the world thinking that we are the best!" Perhaps no right at all, but traditions die hard and as the birth place of the modern game, certain standards are expected.

Yet just what can an England team manager do about it. Like anybody in charge of a side he is only as good as the players available. Listen to Ron Greenwood's assessment of the situation.

## NO UNIFORMITY

"Football is all to do with players. The West German's attack the game simply and basically by teaching the correct technique at an early age of life and following it through. The methods they teach their youngsters form the firm basis for the whole of the German game and they stick to the



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## Report by Colin Benson

same policy right through to the national side.

"What I keep trying to do is relate this to our own situation where we have teams playing in 22 different ways in the First Division. Consequently our players find it very difficult to fit into one common pattern when they join us from their respective clubs.

"On the continent most club sides play in exactly the same style and although the rest of the world envies us our competitive League, when it comes to representative football it can be a hinderance.

"Because we all play different ways the players do find it difficult to adapt and improvise with other players in such short time as we have to prepare an international team.

"That is why I kept the group of 22 players together for the European Championships. I wanted to break this problem down and get the players to build up an understanding with each other."

Thus Mr Greenwood believes the secret is to keep people together over a long period and encourage them to integrate their various skills to the common cause. Clearly the squad that is now taking shape is the one envisaged to tackle the job in Spain, should we eventually qualify for the finals, for the manager has stated, "I don't anticipate anyone coming into the side in Spain".

### SKILL, AUTHORITY

No one can argue with the theory, although certainly the practice has raised one or two anomalies. Why for instance has one of the countries most skilled technicians, Glenn Hoddle, been continually left with his bottom squarely on the substitutes bench?

"Hoddle has his time before him, young players have to wait," answers Greenwood.

Okay, but for how long? Surely the games against Norway and Switzerland were ideally suited to giving this superb ball artist his head. Certainly if he is expected to do it in Spain any experience now will be of benefit to him and the team.

Then there is the peculiar situation of a sweeper. Ron has made it abundantly obvious that he wants to use a sweeper but when the man in possession, Phil Thompson

breaks his collarbone, he replaces him with one of our most promising mid-field players, West Broms' Bryan Robson.

Granted Robson likes playing the role, but he is needed in the middle of the field and besides why shuffle people around when he could have called up the best sweeper in the First Division, Steve Perryman of Spurs.

I know that the selection of individual players is all a matter of opinion and that Greenwood's main concern is to produce a side that has balance as well as flair. Yet the fact that people are publicly pronouncing their individual preferences is as good a sign as any that performances are not up to scratch.

The English public are proud of their side . . . England might not gobble up teams like Norway and Switzerland and spit out goals like they used to in the old days, but at least the fans expect them to perform with skill and authority against such opposition.



*Tony Woodcock shoots England's second in the 4-0 victory over Norway at Wembley.*



As the vigours of winter bite hard into our season, many football matches will be postponed because of the weather conditions, while many more will be played on pitches which are so heavy that it is impossible for the players to perform to the standards expected of top professional players.

The game then becomes a lottery, championships and cups can be lost through one sticky patch or surface water that prevents the ball fulfilling its intended destiny.

It is at times like these that the clarion call rings loud and clear. Dig up the pitches and replace them with artificial surfaces is the message. Provide a surface on which the skills of the game will not be distorted by mud or water.

It sounds good and what is more, logical, but is Astroturf the real answer. Synthetic surfaces are not without their drawbacks and in the States now, many clubs are trying to replace artificial turf with the real thing.

For the players the synthetic fibres mean bad burns when the flesh is rubbed across them and the compact base gives joints an unmerciful pounding.

For the spectators the true flat surface provides accuracy and skill, but the game is much slower, less physical and probably would not appeal to the British public weaned on the frantic football of the League.

## LIVING DESERT

No there is no real substitute for grass, providing you can ensure that the surface is maintained to a satisfactory condition for the whole of the season. Well it could be that a Swiss firm has found the answer, for anybody who can get a perfect green healthy grass to grow in the desert, must have something up their sleeves.

Cellsystem have done that in the spectacular Zayed Sports City in Abu Dhabi where they have laid a grass



surface in the centre of the main stadium together with a training field outside.

And the grass has flourished despite the temperatures reaching seventy degrees Centigrade. Living grass plants were flown in by military planes from Kenya and just ten weeks after planting, the first football matches kicked off on a perfect grass surface.

The system has proved equally successful at the other extreme, in particularly rainy areas such as the Pacific Coast of Canada and in Europe, where Cellsystem pitches have drained instantly, allowing games to be played when conventional pitches have had to be declared unplayable.

Like most good ideas, this system is remarkably simple. The key to growing tough durable grass that can withstand the pounding of studded boots and the scarring of slide tackles, is to obtain a well seated root growth. Roots depend on moisture and extend towards the damp areas, which is one reason why surface feeding can do tremendous damage, because it encourages the roots to the surface and when the boot

rips out the grass head, it also destroys the root.

## DURABLE

Now if you can determine where the moisture lies under the pitch you can then control the growth of root, which with rye grass can be as much as two inches a day.

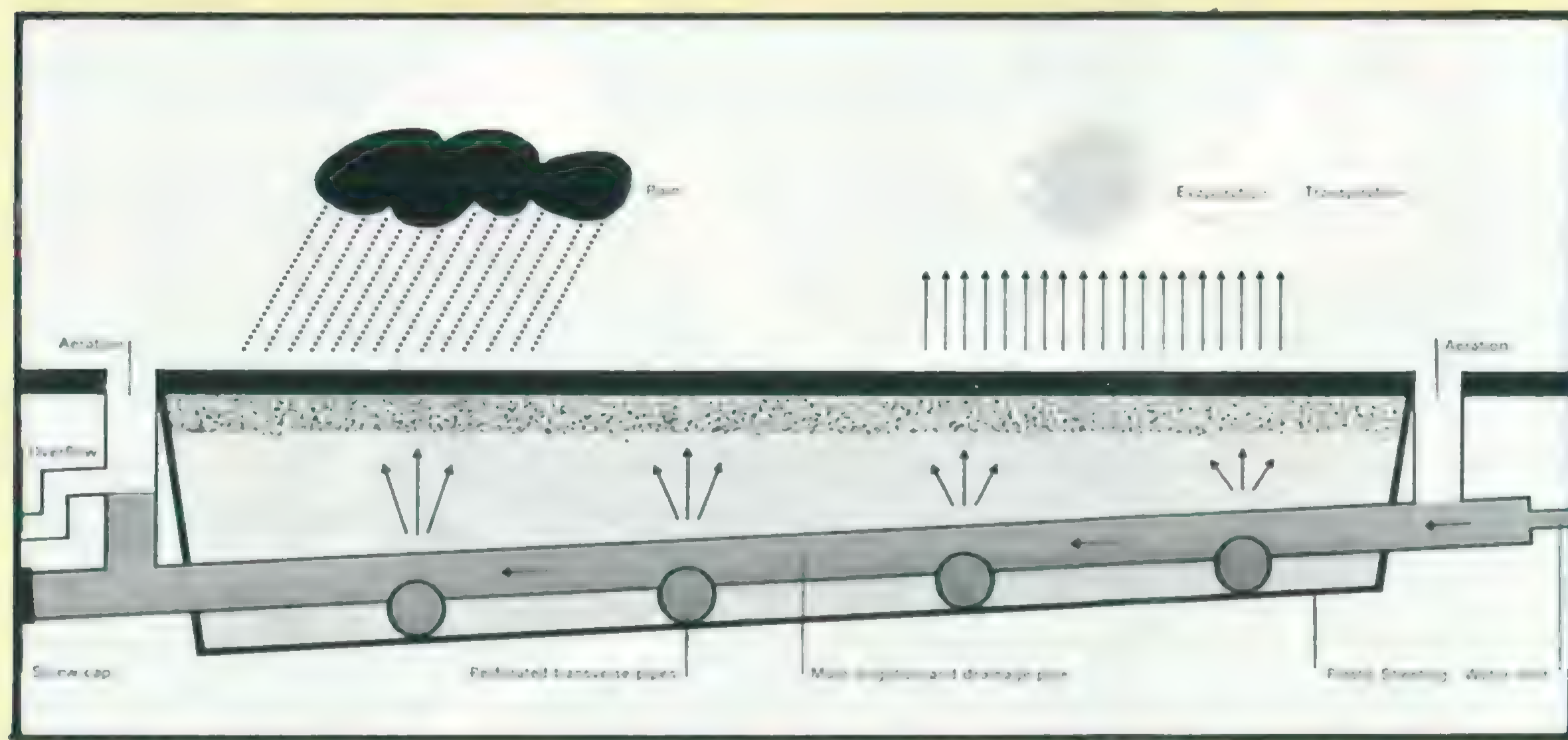
That is exactly what the Cellsystem does. A plastic sheet is laid below the ground, making a trough to retain the water, at the level required. Then a network of perforated pipes, which can both irrigate and drain, depending on the conditions, are laid across the pitch and covered with a layer of sand, a layer of peat and fertilizer.

The system has been developed over 20 years during which there have been 128 installations successfully completed in North America, Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

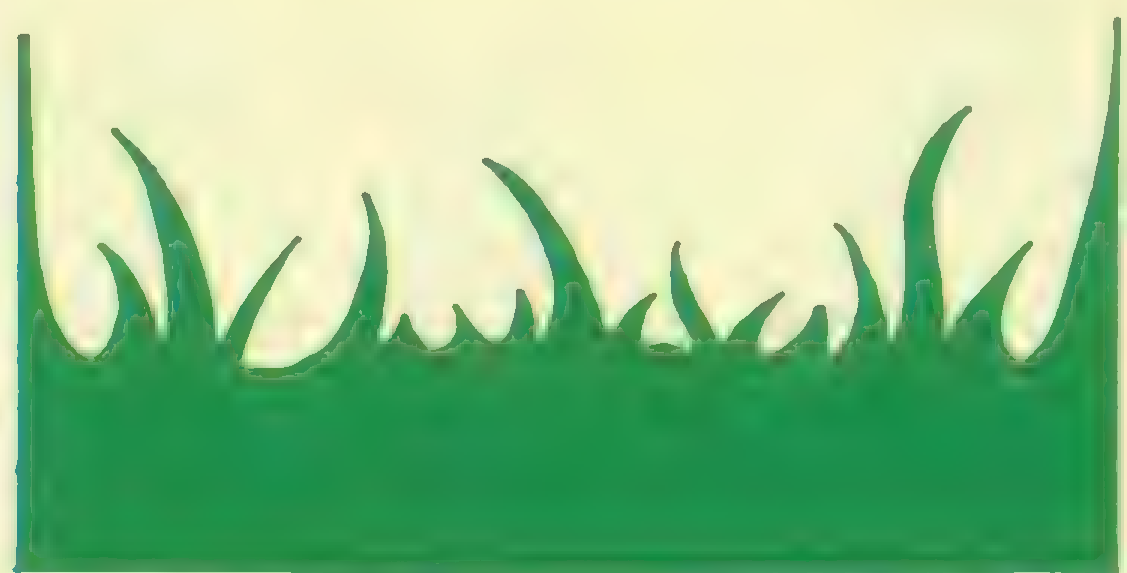
One such pitch in north-western France withstood ten matches on it in two days during an Easter tournament, without suffering any damage at all. The system of irrigation and drainage has proved so effective that it can provide good playing conditions throughout the season.

Although it can do nothing to defeat severe frost or heavy snow, the water system can be heated to tackle cold conditions and anyway severe and extreme frost or snow would prevent play on any pitch, synthetic or grass.

Already there are a dozen Football League clubs using the system and for any others the cost of installation will start at around the £90,000 mark. Quite a lot of money, but then when compared with the fees paid these days for just good players, it seems but a small price for an investment that is going to reap rewards in the future.



# FOOTBALL AT THE GRASS ROOTS





# OSVALDO ARDILES

## TALKS FOOTBALL

ONE of the proposals put forward by the Players Union at our annual meeting this year, was that there should be a restriction placed on the import of overseas players from outside the European Economic Community.

Not surprisingly this is an item that interests me greatly because as you know it was Tottenham Hotspur who opened the gates for foreign stars to play in the English League, when they persuaded Ricky Villa and myself to come from Argentina to London.

I must admit that I am not fully aware why the meeting felt that such a ban would benefit the players in the Football League, because as far as I am aware our presence and that of other foreign players in this country has not caused any British players any harm.

If they are worried that our arrival in the game will keep home grown talent out, then I must strongly disagree. I am sure that Ricky Villa and myself have not cost any Spurs players their jobs, nor will it.

The point is that foreign stars have only been introduced to offset the shortage of quality players available to League clubs from home resources.

Surely the alternative is to use players of lesser quality, and that could only end one way, in disaster. Drop the standard of the players competing and you drop the quality of the game as a whole. The result of that can only be to drive the fans away even quicker and that would consequently result in even more professional players losing their livelihood.

Of course the Union has had to make a distinction between us and players from the Common Market countries because it is illegal to operate a restraint of trade between nations in the community.

I honestly believe that Football League clubs should be selective in who they recruit but that the criteria should be a mans ability not the nation of his birth.

Only very very good players should be allowed in, and that way standards will not only be maintained but improved. You see top class players will improve the game whatever their nationality or creed, and if the standards get higher then so too will the entertainment value.

I think Ricky and I are good examples. From what our manager Keith Burkinshaw has said we have proved to be a good influence on our club and that surely can not be detrimental to the game.





# Benno

Colin Benson's world of soccer

THE SERIOUS business of qualifying for the finals of the 1982 World Cup is now well under way. From Indonesia to Iran, Brazil to Germany the competition is intense and often far too passionate.

But it also has its rewarding spin-offs. Like the series between El Salvador and Honduras in the Central American zone. This was the first official game between the two countries since they went to war 11 years ago, and why did they go to war? Well it was all over the result of a soccer match between the two countries.

This time Salvador won 2-1, so virtually guaranteeing their qualification for the next stage, a round robin tournament against the winners of the Caribbean zone plus Canada and Mexico the winners of the North American zone.

Mexico qualified despite losing 2-1 to the U.S.A. Two goals from Steve Moyers provided the Americans with their first win over Mexico in 46 years. Hugo Sanchez scored for Mexico.

Meanwhile in Europe, Poland were getting back to the grass roots of the game in Group 7. They complained to FIFA about the dust pitch that Malta stage their games on and FIFA accordingly asked the Maltese authorities to supply a grass pitch in line with a regulation that states that all European ties must be played on natural turf.

## JUNIOR QUIZ TIME

1. What was the original name of Bolton Wanderers FC?
2. How many times have Brazil won the World Cup?
3. In which years did Brazil win it?
4. Bill Lambton had a short reign as manager of Scunthorpe. Do you know how long?
5. Who was Rotherham's leading scorer last season?
6. Ipswich signed both Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen from which club?
7. Which two teams are competing in the European Super Cup this season?
8. Which club are nicknamed "The Royals"?
9. Who plays at Ayresome Park?
10. How many times have Sheffield United won the FA Cup?

### FUN SPOT

Name this First Division manager and his club? Born in Birkenhead, he played for Everton, Tonbridge, Gillingham, Portsmouth, Watford and Charlton. Was the leading scorer in the Second Division in 1962. Took up management at Yeovil, then Oxford United and Norwich City. Has led all three of his League clubs to promotion and took two of them to League Cup finals at Wembley.

FUN SPOT — Ron Saunders Aston Villa.

ANSWERS — 1. Christ Church FC, 2. 3, 3. 1958, 1962, 1970, 4. 3 days, 5. Richard Finney, 6. Twente, 7. Nottingham Forest and Valencia, 8. Reading, 9. Middlesbrough, 10. 4.

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# BOLTON RECORD

## Part 39 — Season 1930/31

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE

| Division One        | Home | Away |
|---------------------|------|------|
| Arsenal             | 1-4  | 0-5  |
| A. Villa            | 1-1  | 1-3  |
| Birmingham          | 2-0  | 2-0  |
| Blackburn           | 1-1  | 2-2  |
| Blackpool           | 1-0  | 3-3  |
| Chelsea             | 1-1  | 1-0  |
| Derby               | 1-2  | 1-4  |
| Grimsby             | 4-2  | 1-4  |
| Huddersfield        | 1-0  | 2-3  |
| Leeds               | 2-0  | 1-3  |
| Leicester           | 4-1  | 1-2  |
| Liverpool           | 2-0  | 2-7  |
| Manchester City     | 1-1  | 0-3  |
| Manchester United   | 3-1  | 1-1  |
| Middlesbrough       | 3-0  | 0-3  |
| Newcastle           | 0-3  | 0-4  |
| Portsmouth          | 3-1  | 0-1  |
| Sheffield United    | 6-2  | 0-2  |
| Sheffield Wednesday | 2-2  | 0-1  |
| Sunderland          | 2-2  | 1-3  |
| West Ham            | 4-2  | 4-1  |

### F.A. CUP

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Rd. 3 — Carlisle (H)   | 1-0 |
| Rd. 4 — Sunderland (H) | 1-1 |
| (a)                    | 1-3 |

### League goalscorers

|           |    |        |    |
|-----------|----|--------|----|
| Blackmore | 27 | Gibson | 12 |
| Butler    | 8  | Cook   | 7  |
| Tait      | 4  | Milsom | 3  |
| McKay     | 2  | Goslin | 1  |
| Nuttall   | 1  | Vizard | 1  |
| Westwood  | 1  |        |    |

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE

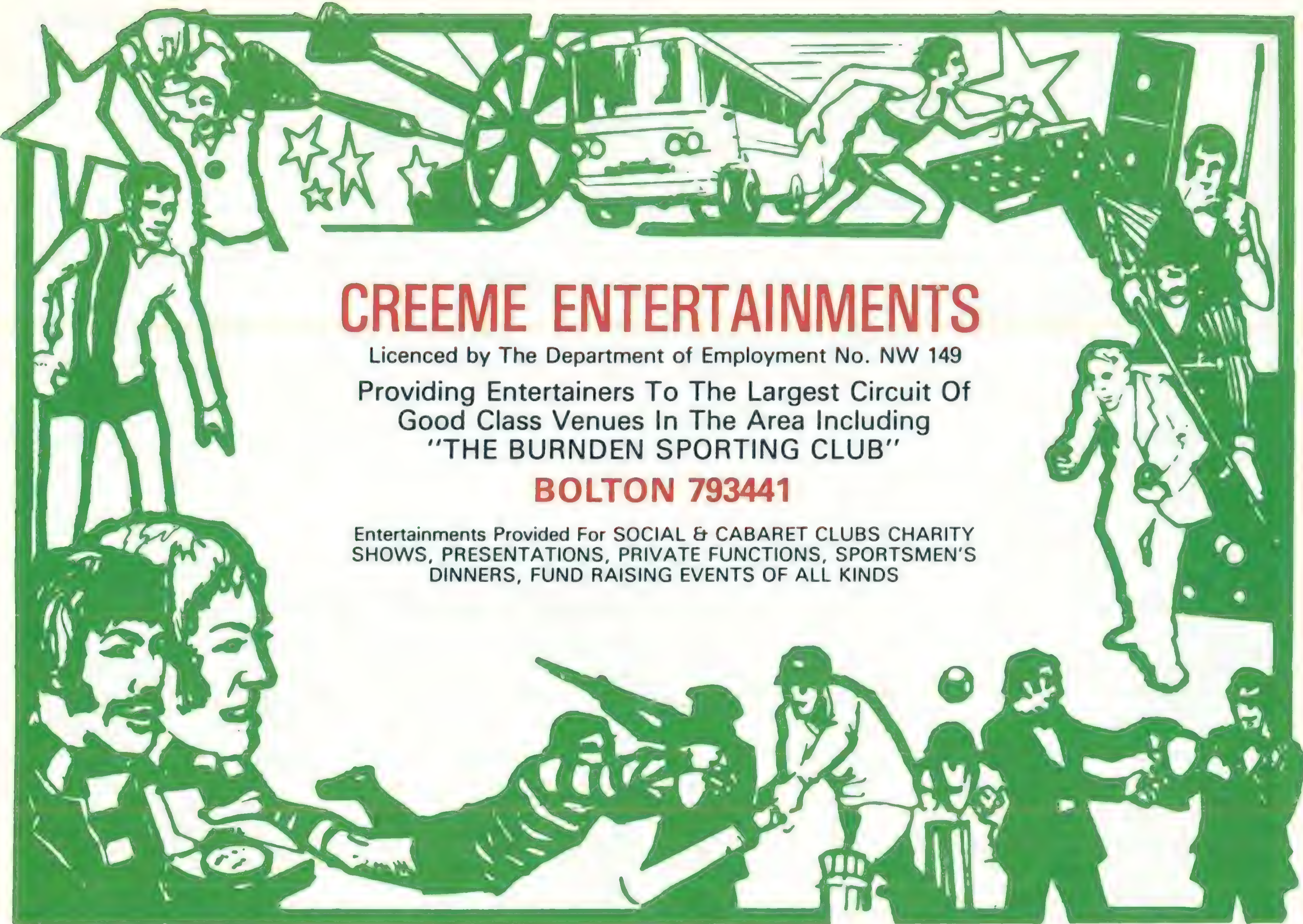
#### appearances:

|                 |    |                |    |
|-----------------|----|----------------|----|
| Blackman, H. A. | 40 | Butler, W.     | 41 |
| Church, H.B.    | 2  | Cook, W.       | 26 |
| Davin, M.       | 3  | Finney, A.     | 39 |
| Gibson, G.B.    | 35 | Gorringe, F.   | 1  |
| Goslin, H.      | 33 | Haworth, R.    | 29 |
| Howarth, H.     | 15 | Jones, B.      | 37 |
| Kemp, F.W.      | 9  | McKay, W.      | 28 |
| Milsom, J.      | 6  | Nuttall, H.    | 21 |
| Pym, R.H.       | 3  | Rimmer, J.     | 6  |
| Seddon, J.      | 21 | Tait, T.       | 9  |
| Taylor, G.      | 2  | Vizard, E.T.   | 3  |
| Wagstaffe, J.T. | 14 | Westwood, R.W. | 8  |
| Wright, W.B.    | 31 |                |    |

### DIVISION 1

|                  | P  | W  | D  | L  | F   | A   | Pts |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Arsenal          | 42 | 28 | 10 | 4  | 127 | 59  | 66  |
| Aston Villa      | 42 | 25 | 9  | 8  | 128 | 78  | 59  |
| Sheffield Wed.   | 42 | 22 | 8  | 12 | 102 | 75  | 52  |
| Portsmouth       | 42 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 84  | 67  | 49  |
| Huddersfield     | 42 | 18 | 12 | 12 | 81  | 65  | 48  |
| Derby County     | 42 | 18 | 10 | 14 | 94  | 79  | 46  |
| Middlesbrough    | 42 | 19 | 8  | 15 | 98  | 90  | 46  |
| Manchester City  | 42 | 18 | 10 | 14 | 75  | 70  | 46  |
| Liverpool        | 42 | 15 | 12 | 15 | 86  | 85  | 42  |
| Blackburn R.     | 42 | 17 | 8  | 17 | 83  | 84  | 42  |
| Sunderland       | 42 | 16 | 9  | 17 | 89  | 85  | 41  |
| Chelsea          | 42 | 15 | 10 | 17 | 64  | 67  | 40  |
| Grimsby          | 42 | 17 | 5  | 20 | 82  | 87  | 39  |
| Bolton W.        | 42 | 15 | 9  | 18 | 68  | 81  | 39  |
| Sheffield United | 42 | 14 | 10 | 18 | 78  | 84  | 38  |
| Leicester City   | 42 | 16 | 6  | 20 | 80  | 95  | 38  |
| Newcastle Utd    | 42 | 15 | 6  | 21 | 78  | 87  | 36  |
| West Ham Utd     | 42 | 14 | 8  | 20 | 79  | 94  | 36  |
| Birmingham       | 42 | 13 | 10 | 19 | 55  | 70  | 36  |
| Blackpool        | 42 | 11 | 10 | 21 | 71  | 125 | 32  |
| Leeds Utd        | 42 | 12 | 7  | 23 | 68  | 81  | 31  |
| Manchester Utd.  | 42 | 7  | 8  | 27 | 53  | 115 | 22  |





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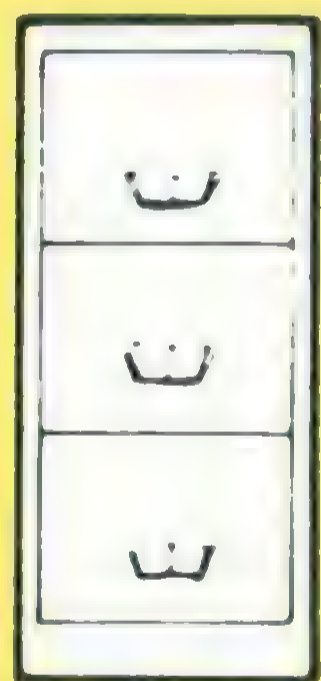
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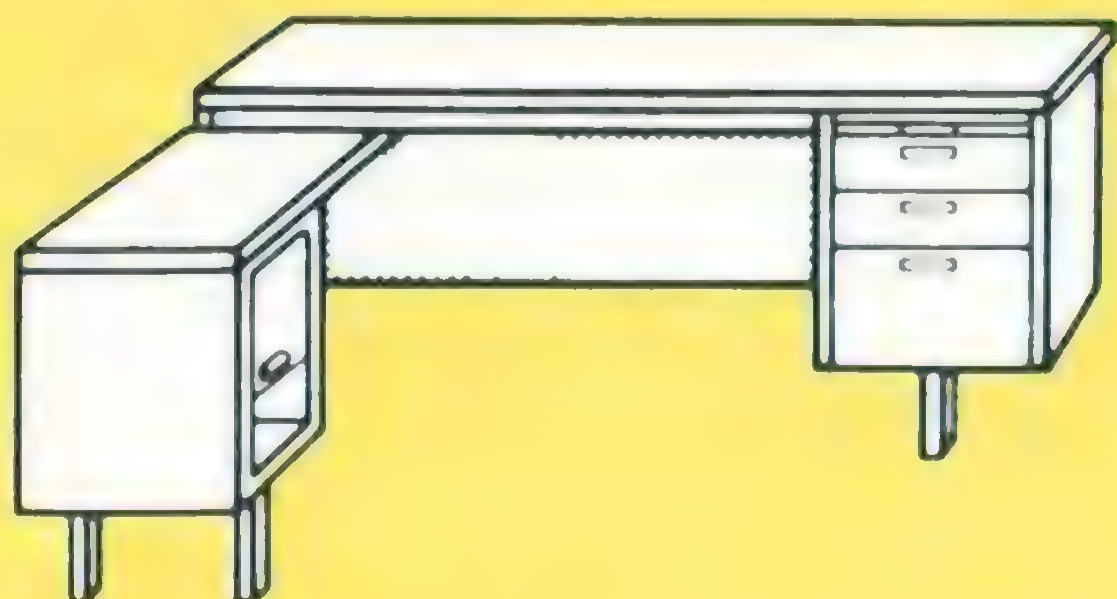
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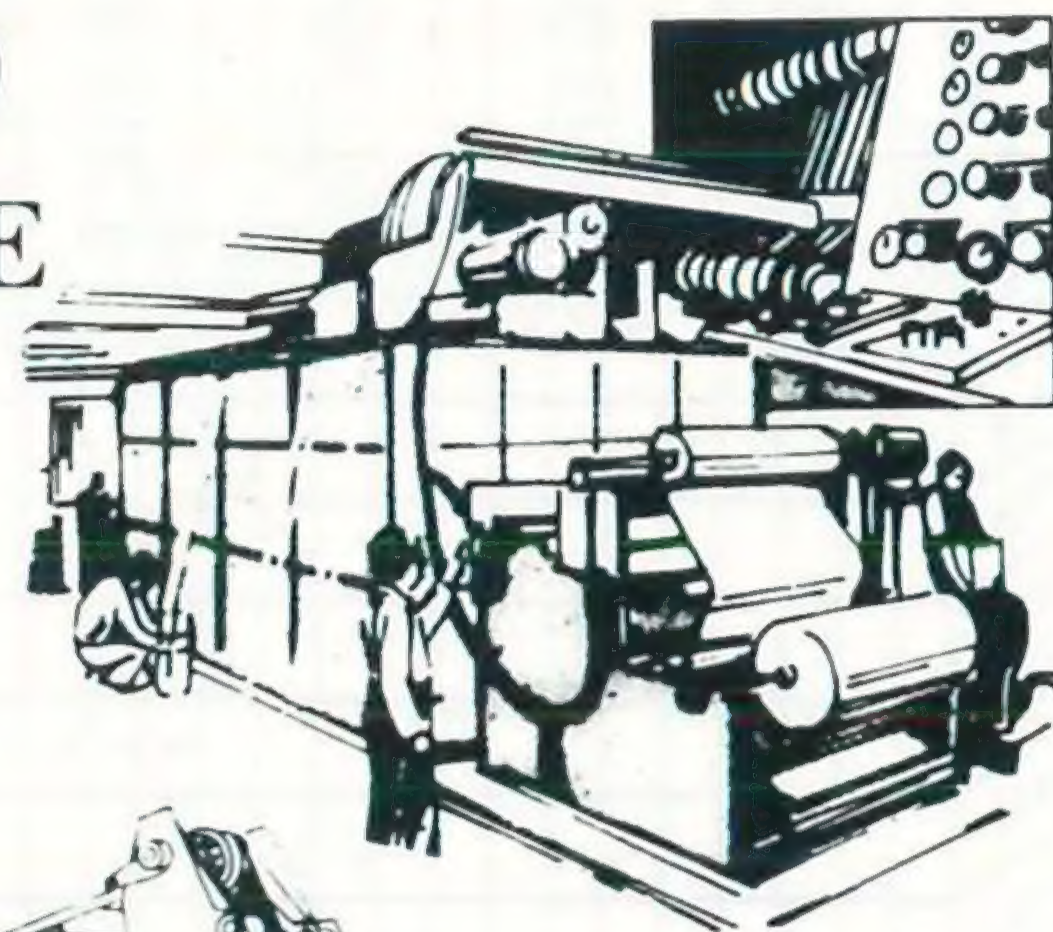


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**BOLTON v FOREST**

Neil Whatmore and Forest's Peter Shilton battle for the ball in the Cup Replay.

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## **Facts & Figures 1980-81**

## HOME GAMES IN CAPITALS

**\*Denotes  
Sub used**

| Denotes<br>Sub used |                            | FA  | Attn   |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-----|--------|
| Aug.                | 16 Notts County            | 1-2 | 7,459  |
|                     | 19 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY     | 0-0 | 15,926 |
|                     | 23 NEWCASTLE               | 4-0 | 11,835 |
|                     | 26 L.C. CRYSTAL PALACE     | 0-3 | 9,913  |
|                     | 30 Derby County            | 0-1 | 17,378 |
| Sept.               | 2 L.C. Crystal Palace      | 1-2 | 15,536 |
|                     | 6 BRISTOL ROVERS           | 2-0 | 8,712  |
|                     | 13 Cardiff                 | 1-1 | 6,532  |
|                     | 20 SWANSEA                 | 1-4 | 9,419  |
|                     | 27 Oldham                  | 1-1 | 10,174 |
| Oct.                | 4 CHELSEA                  | 2-3 | 11,888 |
|                     | 7 Shrewsbury Town          | 2-1 | 5,077  |
|                     | 11 Queens Park Rangers     | 1-3 | 8,641  |
|                     | 18 BRISTOL CITY            | 1-1 | 8,988  |
|                     | 21 PRESTON NORTH END       | 2-1 | 10,713 |
|                     | 25 West Ham United         | 1-2 | 25,277 |
| Nov.                | 1 CAMBRIDGE UNITED         | 6-1 | 8,016  |
|                     | 8 Watford                  | 1-3 | 11,296 |
|                     | 11 Sheffield Wednesday     | 0-2 | 16,262 |
|                     | 22 GRIMSBY TOWN (1)        | 1-1 | 9,031  |
|                     | 25 NOTTS COUNTY            | 3-0 | 7,344  |
|                     | 29 Luton Town              | 2-2 | 8,300  |
| Dec.                | 6 ORIENT                   | 3-1 | 8,228  |
|                     | 13 Bristol City (2)        | 1-3 | 7,384  |
|                     | 19 QUEENS PARK RANGERS     | 1-2 | 6,315  |
|                     | 26 Wrexham                 | 1-0 | 7,635  |
|                     | 27 BLACKBURN ROVERS        | 1-2 | 18,184 |
| 1981                |                            |     |        |
| Jan.                | 3 Nottingham Forest (FAC3) | 3-3 | 22,520 |
|                     | 6 NOTTINGHAM F. (FAC3R)    | 0-1 | 22,799 |
|                     | 10 Grimsby Town            | 0-4 | 9,320  |
|                     | 17 DERBY COUNTY            |     |        |

# BURNDEN DATES

## LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

# CARDIFF CITY

SATURDAY 7th FEBRUARY 1981

KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.



LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including Saturday 10th January 1981)

|                     | P  | W  | D | L | F  | A  | W | D | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
|---------------------|----|----|---|---|----|----|---|---|----|----|----|-----|
| West Ham United     | 26 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 32 | 9  | 4 | 6 | 3  | 12 | 13 | 38  |
| Swansea City        | 26 | 8  | 2 | 3 | 24 | 13 | 3 | 8 | 2  | 16 | 14 | 32  |
| Chelsea             | 26 | 5  | 5 | 3 | 19 | 9  | 6 | 4 | 3  | 19 | 15 | 31  |
| Derby County        | 26 | 6  | 5 | 2 | 23 | 17 | 5 | 4 | 4  | 17 | 16 | 31  |
| Notts County        | 24 | 6  | 5 | 1 | 16 | 8  | 4 | 6 | 3  | 12 | 16 | 31  |
| Luton Town          | 26 | 6  | 5 | 2 | 24 | 16 | 5 | 2 | 6  | 15 | 16 | 29  |
| Blackburn Rovers    | 25 | 7  | 5 | 1 | 17 | 5  | 3 | 4 | 5  | 10 | 15 | 29  |
| Sheffield Wednesday | 24 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 24 | 7  | 1 | 3 | 7  | 8  | 20 | 28  |
| Orient              | 26 | 6  | 4 | 3 | 21 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 6  | 15 | 19 | 27  |
| Grimsby Town        | 26 | 6  | 6 | 1 | 13 | 3  | 2 | 5 | 6  | 13 | 21 | 27  |
| Cambridge United    | 24 | 8  | 1 | 3 | 18 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 6  | 11 | 20 | 27  |
| Queens Park Rangers | 25 | 6  | 4 | 2 | 21 | 7  | 2 | 4 | 7  | 13 | 18 | 24  |
| Wrexham             | 26 | 3  | 5 | 5 | 11 | 15 | 5 | 3 | 5  | 11 | 11 | 24  |
| Watford             | 26 | 8  | 3 | 2 | 21 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 9  | 9  | 20 | 23  |
| Newcastle United    | 25 | 5  | 4 | 3 | 10 | 9  | 2 | 5 | 6  | 7  | 24 | 23  |
| Bolton Wanderers    | 26 | 6  | 3 | 4 | 27 | 16 | 2 | 3 | 8  | 12 | 25 | 22  |
| Cardiff City        | 24 | 6  | 3 | 3 | 17 | 13 | 2 | 3 | 7  | 11 | 21 | 22  |
| Preston North End   | 26 | 4  | 6 | 3 | 17 | 17 | 1 | 6 | 6  | 8  | 21 | 22  |
| Shrewsbury Town     | 26 | 5  | 4 | 4 | 20 | 14 | 0 | 7 | 6  | 4  | 13 | 21  |
| Oldham Athletic     | 26 | 4  | 6 | 3 | 11 | 8  | 2 | 3 | 8  | 11 | 22 | 21  |
| Bristol City        | 26 | 4  | 6 | 3 | 13 | 9  | 0 | 4 | 9  | 5  | 25 | 18  |
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**TODAYS REFEREE**

SEEL, COLIN N. (Carlisle). Started refereeing in 1961 and from local leagues progressed via Northern Regional, Northern Floodlit, Central and Irish Leagues to the Football League full list. Has refereed a number of important League matches and officiated in three F.A. Cup Semi-Finals and an Amateur Cup Final at Wembley as well as Anglo-Italian and Fairs Cup matches in Italy and Spain. Refereed 1979 Challenge Vase Final.

He is married, with two daughters, and works as a Composer. Keen on gardening, and enjoys all sports and fell walking. Serves on several local football and refereeing committees.

**CENTRAL LEAGUE**

| 1980-81   | CENTRAL LEAGUE                   | F | A |
|-----------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Aug.      | SHEFFIELD WED. Manchester United | 1 | 2 |
|           | Coventry City                    | 1 | 2 |
| Sept.     | Manchester City                  | 1 | 3 |
|           | Bury                             | 1 | 6 |
|           | NOTTINGHAM F. Liverpool          | 0 | 3 |
| Oct.      | LEEDS UNITED                     | 2 | 2 |
|           | WEST BROM A.                     | 1 | 0 |
|           | STOKE CITY                       | 1 | 1 |
|           | Preston N.E.                     | 0 | 4 |
|           | HUDDERSFIELD T.                  | 1 | 4 |
|           | Blackpool                        | 0 | 3 |
| Nov.      | BURNLEY                          | 2 | 1 |
|           | MANCHESTER UNITED                | 3 | 0 |
|           | Sheffield W.                     | 2 | 3 |
|           | Aston Villa                      | 3 | 3 |
|           | Derby County                     | 1 | 5 |
|           | WOLVERHAMPTON W.                 | P |   |
| Dec.      | Sheffield United                 | 0 | 2 |
|           | NEWCASTLE UNITED                 | 0 | 2 |
|           | BLACKPOOL                        | 1 | 1 |
|           | Derby County                     | 1 | 0 |
|           | Leeds United                     | 0 | 5 |
|           | DERBY COUNTY                     | 2 | 4 |
|           | Everton                          | 1 | 0 |
| 1981 Jan. | EVERTON                          | 0 | 3 |
|           | ASTON VILLA                      | 0 |   |
|           | COVENTRY CITY                    | 0 | 3 |
|           | Blackburn Rovers                 |   |   |
|           | Stoke City                       |   |   |
| Feb.      | MANCHESTER CITY                  |   |   |
|           | Newcastle United                 |   |   |
|           | Nottingham Forest                |   |   |
| Mar.      | BURY                             |   |   |
|           | LIVERPOOL                        |   |   |
|           | West Bromwich A.                 |   |   |
|           | PRESTON N.E.                     |   |   |
|           | Huddersfield Town                |   |   |
| Apr.      | SHEFFIELD UNITED                 |   |   |
|           | Burnley                          |   |   |
| May       | BLACKBURN ROVERS                 |   |   |
|           | Wolverhampton W.                 |   |   |

**FACTS & FIGURES**



# TEAM CHECK

## Bolton Wanderers

- 1 Dennis Peacock
- 2 Mike Graham
- 3 Gerry McElhinney
- 4 Phil Wilson
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Ian Brennan
- 7 Dusan Nikolic
- 8 Neil Whatmore
- 9 Dave Hoggan
- 10 Brian Kidd
- 11 Alan Gowling
- 12



- 1 Roger Jones
- 2 Steve Emery
- 3 Steve Buckley
- 4 Steve Powell
- 5 Roy McFarland
- 6 Alan Ramage
- 7 Tony Reid
- 8 Barry Powell
- 9 Alan Biley
- 10 Dave Swindlehurst
- 11 Paul Emson
- 12

## Derby County

### Referee:

C. N. Seel (Carlisle)

### Linesmen:

G. Busfield (Keighley) (Red Flag)

C. J. Paylor (Leeds) (Yellow Flag)

## HALF TIME SCOREBOARD

|          |                                                |  |  |
|----------|------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>A</b> | BIRMINGHAM CITY<br>SOUTHAMPTON                 |  |  |
| <b>B</b> | COVENTRY CITY<br>ASTON VILLA                   |  |  |
| <b>C</b> | CRYSTAL PALACE<br>WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS      |  |  |
| <b>D</b> | EVERTON<br>IPSWICH TOWN                        |  |  |
| <b>E</b> | LEICESTER CITY<br>LEEDS UNITED                 |  |  |
| <b>F</b> | MANCHESTER CITY<br>MIDDLESBROUGH               |  |  |
| <b>G</b> | NORWICH CITY<br>LIVERPOOL                      |  |  |
| <b>H</b> | STOKE CITY<br>NOTTINGHAM FOREST                |  |  |
| <b>I</b> | SUNDERLAND<br>MANCHESTER UNITED                |  |  |
| <b>J</b> | TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR<br>ARSENAL                   |  |  |
| <b>K</b> | WEST BROMWICH ALBION<br>BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION |  |  |
| <b>L</b> |                                                |  |  |
| <b>M</b> | BRISTOL CITY<br>WATFORD                        |  |  |
| <b>N</b> | CAMBRIDGE UNITED<br>SWANSEA CITY               |  |  |
| <b>O</b> | GRIMSBY TOWN<br>BRISTOL ROVERS                 |  |  |
| <b>P</b> | LUTON TOWN<br>NEWCASTLE UNITED                 |  |  |
| <b>Q</b> | NOTTS COUNTY<br>WEST HAM UNITED                |  |  |
| <b>R</b> | OLDHAM ATHLETIC<br>WREXHAM                     |  |  |
| <b>S</b> | ORIENT<br>CARDIFF CITY                         |  |  |
| <b>T</b> | PRESTON NORTH END<br>SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY       |  |  |
| <b>U</b> | QUEENS PARK RANGERS<br>CHELSEA                 |  |  |
| <b>V</b> | SHREWSBURY TOWN<br>BLACKBURN ROVERS            |  |  |
| <b>W</b> | ROCHDALE<br>DONCASTER ROVERS                   |  |  |
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